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TO : Chief, Industrial Division

FROM : Chief, Medium Machinery Branch

SUBJECT: Monthly Report for February 1956.

DATE: 1 March 1956

1. Accomplishments

A. Branch Projects Submitted

- 29 February - ORR Project No. 34.1033, Implications of the Planned Expansion in the Soviet Machine Tool and Metalworking Machinery Industries (IM).
- 29 February - ORR Project No. 34.1016, Pattern of Crude Abrasive Utilization in the USSR.

B. Other Projects Submitted

- 2 February - ORR Project No. 30.820, Contributions to NIS-19, Hungary.
- 7 February - ORR Project No. 30.419, NIS-13, East Germany, Chapter 64.
- 10 February - ORR Project No. 10.803, Soviet Capabilities and Strategic Policy thru 1961 (contributions).
- 24 February - ORR Project No. 20.827, Impact of the New Lands Program on the Soviet Economy (Contribution).

C. Special Research

The Branch accomplished 178 hours in February toward its country commitment. Fiscal year 1956 total accomplishment is 956 hours.

D. Other

- 17 February - Requirement, East German Exports of Metalworking Machinery

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20 February - Intelligence Evaluation of Strategic Importance of China Differential Items (Reference, Project No. 111.134).

28 February - Requirement, Cost of Manufacture of High Precision Gyros and Stable Platforms for ICBM (Atlas).

2. Training

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A. [REDACTED]  
Elementary Russian Reading Course  
Entered - 19 September 1955  
Completion - 15 June 1956

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B. [REDACTED]  
Entered - 30 January 1956  
Completed - Phase I, 10 February 1956  
- Phase II, 17 February 1956

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C. [REDACTED]  
Entered - 20 February 1956  
Completion - 2 March 1956

3. Trips - None

4. Administration

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A. [REDACTED] will be absent on military leave from 12 through 23 March.

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B. [REDACTED] will be absent on military leave from 5 through 16 March.

5. Plans

A. Study is being undertaken of the capabilities and intentions of the USSR in the field of industrial automation, particularly as applied to the machinery, machine tool, and instrument industries. It is hoped to produce a report in FY 1956 suitable for publication as an IM. Responsible analysts are [REDACTED] 25X1A9a

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B. Half hour coffee break meetings have been instituted in the Branch, held weekly on Friday morning for a discussion by all hands of items of intelligence interest such as analysis of Bloc plans, or substantive research accomplished by the Branch or other components during the week. It is felt that exchange of information on new developments, indications of trend, etc., will be mutually helpful.

C. In order to insure continuity of contact it is planned to have one member of I/MM visit the country for a half day each week, rotating this duty. This is apart from the Branch's country commitment and is expected to provide continuing information regarding the progress of country work of interest to I/MM.

D. Progress is being made in preparation of an outline for a study of Communist Chinese industrial investment.

6. Problems - No comments.
7. Recommendations - No comments.
8. Other Information - No comments.

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